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## Official Public Hearing on 2021 County Budget Will be Held Online, October 30

MILWAUKEE – County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson announced today that Board of Supervisors will hold its official public hearing on the 2021 budget on Friday, October 30, at 4:00 p.m. In the interest of public health, this year's hearing will be held online.

The public is encouraged to register in advance at <u>County.Milwaukee.gov/CountyBoard</u> if they want to speak during the public hearing. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per person.

The annual budget hearing is an opportunity for the public to speak directly to their County Supervisor about the County budget. Supervisors will consider amendments to the County Executive's budget on Oct. 26, 27, 29, and Nov. 4, before adopting a final budget on Nov. 9.

Despite current limits on public gatherings, the Board of Supervisors is inviting direct public input through several means. **The recommended method is to join the meeting virtually using the Microsoft Teams app**. Anyone with a personal computing device that has a working camera and microphone, and can connect to the internet, can join virtually using MS Teams.

Members of the public who wish to join virtually but do not have a device with internet access can participate from room 307 of the County Courthouse. The hearing will be broadcast on screens in room 307 and there will be a camera and microphone set up for live public comment. Staff will be present to facilitate public participation. Face coverings are required.

For those joining via the Courthouse, free parking is available in the surface lot on the northeast corner of 9th and Wells St. Supervisors will join remotely and not be present in room 307.

A third option is to participate by phone. Those who wish to join by phone and speak are asked to <u>register</u> in advance so the County Clerk can call on them by name when it is their turn.

Those who wish to follow the proceedings but not comment on the budget can watch and listen to the public hearing online via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

County Executive David Crowley introduced his <u>budget proposal</u>, known as the <u>Recommended Budget</u>, on October 1. The Comptroller's "Overview," an independent analysis and summary of the Executive's Recommended Budget, can be found <u>here</u>.